

ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,  
AND  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF DERRY,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1878.



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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The taxes assessed for the year 1877 are as follows :

State tax . . . . .	\$2,060 00	
County tax . . . . .	2,242 08	
School tax required by law . . . . .	1,802 50	
Tax on dogs . . . . .	117 00	
Non-resident highway tax . . . . .	204 21	
Town tax . . . . .	1,500 00	
Per cent allowed by law added . . . . .	324 10	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>	\$8,249 89

## RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

Amount of cash in treasury, March 1, 1877 . . . . .	\$3,195 61
Cash received from town clerk for dog licenses . . . . .	38 92
Savings-bank tax from state treasurer . . . . .	1,931 89
Railroad tax from state treasurer . . . . .	419 54
Literary fund from state treasurer . . . . .	132 87
Cash from county of Rockingham . . . . .	197 55
Cash received for use of town hall . . . . .	6 00
Cash from J. R. Clark, error in account . . . . .	50

Cash from collector, list of 1876	.	1,686	00
Cash from collector, list of 1877	.	7,034	17
Cash from collector, interest on taxes		22	20
Cash from James Webster, hired for use of town	. . . .	1,000	00
		<u>          </u>	\$15,665 25

## EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1877.

### STATE TAX.

Paid state tax	. . . .	\$2,060	00
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### COUNTY TAX.

Paid county tax	. . . .	\$2,242	08
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### SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1	. . .	390	66
2	. . .	400	00
3	. . .	104	05
4	. . .	177	14
5	. . .	101	44
6	. . .	89	00
7	. . .	212	18
8	. . .	250	31
9	. . .	155	20
10	. . .	36	66
11	. . .	194	34
12	. . .	118	06
4 in Salem	. .	12	25
7 in Chester	. .	7	74
		<u>          </u>	\$2,249 03

## SNOW PATHS.

Paid Geo. W. Evans for 1876	.	\$8 13
Edward F. Evans for 1876	.	8 28
Robert H. Clarke for 1876	.	19 67
Edward L. Jones for 1876	.	82 69
Ezra E. Rogers for 1876	.	83 46
Tappan R. Robie for 1876	.	44 70
Richard R. Rand for 1876	.	71 64
George K. Whitney for 1876	.	13 57
William H. Jones for 1876	.	54 62
Joshua G. Hubbard for 1876	.	63 80
Henry S. Wheeler for 1876	.	33 40
Edward G. Shute for 1876	.	48 94
Alonzo W. Kimball for 1876	.	37 41
Joseph White for 1876	.	11 20
Alpheus B. Beede for 1876	.	7 90
William M. Senter for 1876	.	14 77
Milliard F. Milltimore for 1876		147 86
Mark F. Hill for 1876	.	60 00
Horace A. Hill for 1876	.	112 24
Joshua G. Hubbard for 1876	.	3 85
Orlando B. George for 1876	.	16 85
George W. Davis for 1876	.	5 00
Benjamin P. Rice for 1876	.	5 25
J. W. Drew for 1876	.	19 50
Geo. W. Davis for 1876	.	1 00
John Kelsey for 1876	.	23 10
John L. Fletcher for 1876	.	26 50
George W. Pinkerton for 1876	.	71 65
John Scott for 1876	.	16 72
Alvin J. Seavey for 1876	.	26 60
George W. Eastman for 1876	.	5 50
Nathaniel H. Brown for 1876	.	16 80
John P. Whidden for 1876	.	46 00

George Taylor for 1876 . .	15 22
Joshua Morse for 1876 . .	46 55
Horace A. Hill for 1876 . .	8 60
Sewall Floyd for 1876 . .	6 90
Charles B. Carr for 1876 . .	1 62
Charles A. Holden for 1876 . .	54
William Merrifield for 1876 . .	51 80
Ezra E. Rogers for 1876 . .	2 90
James Reed for 1876 . .	23 80
George Taylor for 1876 . .	11 21
Joseph Montgomery for 1876 . .	56 03
Hiram Sargent for 1876 . .	20 00
Gayton O. Reynolds for 1876 . .	4 50
Lyman George for 1876 . .	3 35
	<hr/> \$1,461 62

#### MAINTENANCE OF POOR.

Paid James H. Eaton for N. S.	
Sheldon . . . . .	\$32 00
Joseph Klien, wood for Jane	
Humphrey . . . . .	6 90
Kate L. Reynolds, care of Geo.	
Alexander . . . . .	75 00
Chas. B. Sargent, rent of house	
for J. W. Towns . . . . .	15 00
Moses S. Pingree, wood for J.	
W. Towns . . . . .	4 00
David S. Clark, medical attend-	
ance on J. W. Towns . . . . .	14 00
Joseph W. Bean, wood for Jane	
Humphrey . . . . .	10 09
Joseph W. Bean, wood for Dolly	
J. Emmerson . . . . .	8 56

Frank W. Parker, goods for J. W. Towns . . . . .	10 00	
Frank W. Parker, goods for Dolly J. Emmerson . . . .	10 00	
Frank W. Parker, goods for Misses Corning . . . . .	1 88	
Joseph W. Bean, wood for Misses Corning . . . . .	4 00	
Charles Adams, coffin for Eliza- beth Meek . . . . .	14 00	
Frank D. Pollard, care of Geo. W. Hoyt . . . . .	156 00	
	<hr/>	\$361 43

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Edward L. Jones, work at Adams' mill bridge, April, 1877 . . . . .	\$6 08	
Tappan R. Robie, overwork in District No. 11 . . . . .	31 55	
Mark F. Hill, overwork . . . .	10 15	
Lyman George, overwork in 1876 . . . . .	17 60	
Osborn D. Couch, labor and materials . . . . .	31 00	
John Drew, overwork . . . . .	20 00	
James F. Coburn, work at Horne's mill . . . . .	6 25	
Joshua G. Hubbard, overwork . .	20 17	
Richard R. Rand, overwork . . .	9 08	
Henry S. Wheeler, overwork . . .	1 30	
James H. Crombie, land damage . .	20 00	
Matthew & Couch, spikes and nails . . . . .	1 83	

Alvin J. Chase, labor near E. Morrill's . . . . .	7 50
• Benjamin Huston, labor . . . . .	5 90
Seneca Pettee, powder, fuse, &c. . . . .	2 50
Alvin J. Seavey, labor near E. Morrill's . . . . .	1 02
John F. Baker, labor and materials near E. Morrill's . . . . .	6 80
James E. Morrill, labor and materials near E. Morrill's . . . . .	6 83
George I. Choate, labor and materials near E. Morrill's . . . . .	40 92
George I. Choate, labor and materials near E. Morrill's . . . . .	11 29
Benjamin Wilson, poles for railing near E. Morrill's . . . . .	3 25
Moses S. Pingree, posts for railing near E. Morrill's . . . . .	1 44
John F. Baker, labor near E. Morrill's . . . . .	2 50
Robert T. Chase, labor near E. Morrill's . . . . .	1 87
George W. Dickey, labor near E. Morrill's . . . . .	1 95
George I. Choate, overwork . . . . .	2 50
Albert H. Lowe, work near Bodwell's . . . . .	25 60
James Reed, labor and materials, 1876 . . . . .	10 12
John Scott, overwork . . . . .	9 75
Tappan R. Robie, Fordway Bridge . . . . .	10 00
George Moore, plank and labor . . . . .	9 50
George W. Head, overwork . . . . .	15 00
Cummings W. True, overwork . . . . .	14 44



Horne Brothers, plank Fordway	
Bridge . . . . .	31 92
George W. McKenney, cutting	
bushes . . . . .	1 50
E. G. Haynes, sewer-pipe . .	23 00
Thomas P. Major, posts . . .	2 40
Benjamin Barker, overwork .	13 75
Joshua G. Hubbard, overwork	17 50
Henry F. Herrick, labor and	
materials . . . . .	12 62
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	\$468 38

#### NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY-TAX RECEIPTS.

Paid Charles E. Rand . . . .	\$9 48
George I. Choate . . . . .	16 00
Edward L. Jones . . . . .	6 30
Otis A. Drew . . . . .	9 10
Joseph W. Bean . . . . .	5 30
Joseph Montgomery . . . .	1 83
Henry F. Herrick . . . . .	4 70
Gayton O. Reynolds . . . .	175 75
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	\$228 46

#### TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Isaiah A. Dustin, auditor .	\$2 00
Joshua G. Hubbard, balance,	
services as selectman, 1876 .	6 00
Isaac H. Jones, constable . .	7 00
Nathaniel H. Brown, moderator	7 50
Henry O. Hill, school committee	45 00
Gayton O. Reynolds, collector,	
1876 . . . . .	25 00

Gayton O. Reynolds, collector, 1877 . . . . .	120 00	
Gayton O. Reynolds, balance, services as selectman, 1876 .	20 00	
John E. Webster, balance, ser- vices, 1876 . . . . .	7 00	
Frank W. Parker, town clerk .	20 00	
Robert H. Clarke, treasurer .	25 00	
George Moore, selectman, 1877	61 25	
John E. Webster, selectman, 1877 . . . . .	102 00	
Joseph R. Clark, selectman, 1877 . . . . .	125 47	
	<hr/>	\$573 22

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#### GRAVE-YARD.

Paid George Richards, sexton .	\$75 00	
Frank W. Parker, one shovel .	1 00	
George W. Bachelder, tolling bell . . . . .	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$78 50

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#### ABATEMENTS.

Paid Gayton O. Reynolds on list of 1876 . . . . .	\$61 52	
Gayton O. Reynolds on list of 1877 . . . . .	52 46	
Francis H. Clement on list of 1875-6 . . . . .	3 39	
	<hr/>	\$127 37

## BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

Paid Temple & Farrington . . .	\$26 28	
Charles Bartlett, printing tax bills . . . . .	3 00	
Hammon Reed, printing town reports . . . . .	76 20	
Frank W. Parker, postal cards	28	
	<hr/>	\$105 76

## NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Jane E. N. Clendennin, in- terest . . . . .	\$50 00	
Samuel Newell, interest . . .	55 00	
James Newell, interest . . .	418 34	
Sarah E. Whidden, interest . .	7 83	
George Warner, interest . . .	50 00	
Martha G. Sleeper, bond and interest . . . . .	1,060 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,641 17

## LOCK-UP.

Paid George Richards, 167 tramps	\$62 64	
Frank W. Parker, pail and bolts	62	
	<hr/>	\$63 26

## TOWN HOUSE.

Paid George Boynton, for finishing upper hall at town house and repairing plastering in lower hall . . . . .	\$71 00
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Frank W. Parker, oil, brooms, etc. . . . .	3 83	
Robert H. Clarke, repairing windows . . . . .	1 00	
Austin G. Merrill, wood, 1 cord	2 75	
George Richards, care of town house for one year . . . .	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$93 58

## LIBRARY.

Paid George Boynton, fitting up rooms . . . . .	\$280 21	
Barton & Co., matting . . . .	29 25	
Carlos N. Cutler, stove, etc. . .	8 72	
Harry H. Taylor, laying mat- ting, etc. . . . .	6 18	
Temple & Farrington, curtains and fixtures . . . . .	3 25	
Frank W. Parker, zinc, nails, etc.	1 12	
George Priest, express on mat- ting . . . . .	40	
David S. Clark, expense to Boston . . . . .	3 10	
Doane & Greenough, blank-book	11 50	
James C. Taylor, blank-book . .	8 25	
Charles Bartlett, book labels and cards . . . . .	10 20	
Frank W. Parker, blank-books, etc. . . . .	3 32	
Benjamin Chase, jr., labor and materials . . . . .	24 40	
	<hr/>	\$389 90

## BOUNTIES.

Paid Royal S. Hunt, bounty on ten foxes . . . . .	\$5 00	
Charles Bachelder, bounty on one fox . . . . .	50	
George Moore, bounty on two foxes and three hawks .	1 60	
	<hr/>	\$7 10

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Joshua Morse, time and expen- ses to Exeter on Kehoe case	\$5 50
Henry E. Eastman, ringing bell	25 00
Gayton O. Reynolds, time and expenses on Kehoe case .	5 00
Osborn Merrill, damage to sleigh . . . . .	8 00
Joseph R. Clark, paid Briggs & Huse for legal advice .	2 00
George Boynton, tables for town hall . . . . .	11 00
Joseph R. Clark, posts for town hall . . . . .	3 80
Geo. I. Choate, road hearing .	4 00
Joshua Morse, ringing bell .	50 00
Henry E. Eastman, grading at town house . . . . .	2 75
Leander E. Hardy, allowance for bridge . . . . .	2 00
John E. Webster, taking E. Maria Rowell to county farm	5 00
Frank W. Parker, blanks, etc., dog-license . . . . .	3 93

Frank W. Parker, padlock for pound . . . . .	25
Joseph R. Clark, expenses to Concord . . . . .	4 50
William Clark, sheriff's fees on N. & R. R. R. case . . .	13 42
Joseph R. Clark, settle with county commissioners . .	4 50
Isaiah A. Dustin, money overpaid on list of 1866, school-house tax . . . . .	15 00
Lorenzo Chase, one yearling, killed by dogs, 1876 . . .	16 00
John Baker, two sheep, killed by dogs, 1876 . . . . .	9 00
William C. Palmer, two sheep, killed by dogs, 1876 . . .	10 00
Samuel Clarke, one sheep, killed by dogs, 1876 . . . . .	6 00
H. B. Burnham, examination of Mrs. Almira Wilkinson .	5 00
Aaron F. Stevens, bill of costs in case, N. & R. R. R. v. Town of Derry . . . . .	147 69
Greenleaf C. Bartlett, services on Kehoe case . . . . .	46 00
Greenleaf C. Bartlett, services on railroad case . . . . .	95 00
Greenleaf C. Bartlett, services with selectmen on Folsom road . . . . .	5 00
Greenleaf C. Bartlett, legal services . . . . .	5 00
Isaiah A. Dustin, sheriff's fees	2 59
Jonathan C. Sanders, watering-place, for three years . . .	6 00

William O. Noyes, watering-		
place . . . . .	3 00	
Cross & Burnham, legal advice	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$526 93

### TRUST FUNDS.

Paid Benjamin Barker, removing		
stones from highways . . .	\$1 50	
James Taylor, removing stones		
from highways . . . . .	6 00	
Alvin J. Chase, removing stones		
from highways . . . . .	7 50	
William Hart, removing stones		
from highways . . . . .	1 50	
Isaac H. Jones, removing stones		
from highways . . . . .	3 00	
Benjamin Huston, removing		
stones from highways . . .	7 50	
Geo. W. McKinney, removing		
stones from highways . . .	7 50	
Albert H. Lowe, removing		
stones from highways . . .	3 00	
David G. Greene, removing		
stones from highways . . .	1 50	
John Scott, removing stones		
from highways . . . . .	6 75	
Sewall Floyd, removing stones		
from highways . . . . .	7 50	
Amos Chase, removing stones		
from highways . . . . .	1 50	
George E. Kimball, removing		
stones from highways . . .	1 50	
Luther C. Stevens, removing		
stones from highways . . .	75	
	<hr/>	\$57 00

## SUMMARY.

State tax . . . . .	\$2,060 00
County tax . . . . .	2,242 08
Schools . . . . .	2,249 03
Snow paths . . . . .	1,461 62
Maintenance of poor . . . . .	361 43
Roads and bridges . . . . .	468 38
Non-resident highway-tax receipts	228 46
Town officers . . . . .	573 22
Grave-yard . . . . .	78 50
Abatements . . . . .	127 37
Books and stationery . . . . .	105 76
Notes and interest . . . . .	1,641 17
Lock-up . . . . .	63 26
Town-house . . . . .	93 58
Library . . . . .	389 90
Bounties . . . . .	7 10
Miscellaneous . . . . .	526 93
Trust funds . . . . .	57 00
	<hr/> \$12,734 79

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GAYTON O. REYNOLDS, COLLECTOR.

DR.

To balance uncollected taxes, list of	
1876 . . . . .	\$1,686 00
amount of tax-list of 1877 . . . . .	8,249 89
	<hr/> \$9,935 89

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By amount paid treasurer, list of	
1876 . . . . .	\$1,686 00
amount paid treasurer, list of	
1877 . . . . .	7,034 17
amount uncollected on list of	
1877 . . . . .	1,215 72
	<hr/> \$9,935 89



## BALANCE-SHEET.

TOWN OF DERRY.		Dr.
To amount of funded debt . . .	\$1,000 00	
amount of notes payable . . .	10,200 00	
amount of interest due March 1, 1878 . . . . .	105 00	
amount due school district No. 2 . . .	83 12	
amount due school district No. 6 . . .	10 98	
amount due school district No. 4 in Hampstead . . . . .	11 68	
amount due James H. Eaton . . .	20 00	
amount due outstanding orders . . .	17 32	
amount due trust funds . . .	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$12,448 10
		Cr.
By amount of uncollected taxes, . .	\$1,215 72	
amount of trust funds . . .	1,000 00	
amount of cash in hands of se- lectmen . . . . .	1 50	
amount due from Daniel Mc- Gregor for brick . . . . .	6 63	
amount due from J. L. Cunning- ham . . . . .	5 76	
amount of cash in treasury . . .	2,976 28	
Balance, amount of town debt . . .	7,242 21	
	<hr/>	\$12,448 10

The foregoing is a correct statement of the financial affairs of the town, at the close of the financial year, 1877.

The vote passed at the last annual meeting, instructing the selectmen to finish the basement of the town house, has not been complied with for this reason: The selectmen were of the opinion that the town had no legal right to

appropriate, nor the selectmen to expend, money for said purpose, which opinion was sustained by the following :

*To the Selectmen of Derry:*

GENTLEMEN,—On an examination of the article in your warrant, and the vote thereon, as copied on the other side of this paper, together with the information communicated to me by Mr. J. R. Clark, I am of the opinion the selectmen would have no legal authority to finish up the basement of the building within named, in pursuance of the vote at your annual meeting.

J. F. BRIGGS.

April 19, 1877.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. WEBSTER, }  
JOSEPH R. CLARK, } *Selectmen of*  
GEORGE MOORE, } *Derry.*

DERRY, March 1, 1878.

DERRY, March 1, 1878.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the accounts as presented by the selectmen. I find them correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

CHARLES C. JOHNSON,  
*Auditor.*

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ROBERT H. CLARKE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT  
WITH THE TOWN OF DERRY.

	Dr.
March, 1877, cash in treasury . . .	\$3,195 61
Dr. Brown's legacy . . .	500 00
Mrs. Nowell's legacy . . .	500 00
To cash from state treasurer, sav-	
ings-bank tax . . .	1,931 89

To cash from state treasurer, rail- road tax . . . . .	419 54	
Literary fund . . . . .	132 87	
From county treasurer . . . . .	197 55	
Interest on Dr. Brown's legacy . . . . .	30 00	
Received of town clerk, dog-licenses . . . . .	38 92	
Received of selectmen . . . . .	1,005 00	
Interest on taxes . . . . .	22 20	
Balance of collector's list for 1876 . . . . .	1,686 00	
Received on collector's list for 1877 . . . . .	7,034 17	
	<hr/>	\$16,693 75

CR.

By paid orders of selectmen . . . . .	\$12,717 47	
Dr. Brown's legacy . . . . .	500 00	
Mrs. Nowell's legacy . . . . .	500 00	
Cash in treasury . . . . .	2,976 28	
	<hr/>	\$16,693 75

ROBERT H. CLARKE,  
*Treasurer.*

I have examined the treasurer's account, and find the same correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

CHARLES C. JOHNSON,  
DERRY, March 1, 1878. *Auditor.*

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### TRUST FUNDS.

TOWN OF DERRY.

DR.

To amount of Sylvanus Brown leg- acy . . . . .	\$500 00
amount of interest on same for 1877 . . . . .	30 00

amount of interest on same for 1876 . . . . .	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$560 00
		CR.
By note of G. C. Bartlett . . .	\$500 00	
paid for removing stones from the highways and watering- places . . . . .	57 00	
Balance due, unpaid . . .	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$560 00

## TOWN OF DERRY.

DR.

To amount of Parmelia Nowell leg- acy . . . . .	\$500 00	
amount of interest on same at 5 per cent . . . . .	46 25	
	<hr/>	\$546 25
		CR.
By cash in Derry Savings Bank .		\$500 00

## TOWN OF DERRY.

DR.

Feb. 28, 1878, To amount of Harriet Taylor legacy . . . . .		\$1,000 00
		CR.
By amount of bills for books, re- ceipted . . . . .	\$773 58	
amount of James C. Taylor's note . . . . .	226 42	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF FLANNEL ACCOUNT.

Feb. 23, 1878, amount received by trustees for					
year 1877, to be expended for flannel	.				\$200 00
Amount expended	.	.	.	.	403 90
No. of yards distributed	.	.	.	.	1459½
No. of persons receiving the same	.	.			131



## SCHOOL REPORT.

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The school committee respectfully submits the following report to the citizens of Derry :

### DISTRICT No. 1.

The summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Fannie M. Webster. Correct deportment and prompt recitations showed earnest and well-directed work on the part of both teacher and scholars.

The third term of this school was under the efficient management of Mr. Joseph W. Bean. The discipline was excellent. The recitations showed the result of thorough drill.

### DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss Lucinda T. Carlton has taught this school during the year. Miss Carlton has worked faithfully and with good results. Her pupils are much attached to her, which makes it an easy task to govern them. The scholars show much interest in their work and have made commendable progress. The winter term is not finished at this date.

### DISTRICT No. 3.

This school has been under the care of Miss Anna F. Choate. This was Miss Choate's first experience as a

teacher. Under her instruction the scholars made fair progress. The order during the first term was not up to the standard, but an improvement was noticeable during the second term.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

Miss Fannie A. Moody taught the summer term in this district. She worked hard and showed herself a successful teacher. There were ten scholars neither absent nor tardy during the term.

The winter term was taught by H. O. Hill.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

This school was instructed by Miss Carrie V. Whitney. At our first visit there was much disorder. Subsequent visits showed a marked improvement on this subject. The final examination was creditable to teacher and pupils.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

The first term was taught by Miss N. Medora Clement. This was Miss Clement's first experience as a teacher, and she showed herself well fitted by disposition and education to fill that important position.

Miss Ella A. White, teacher during the fall term, gave good satisfaction, and under her instruction the scholars made excellent progress.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

The prudential committee secured the services of Miss Lois J. Wadsworth as teacher for the first term. Miss Wadsworth knows how to teach, and under her instruction this school made rapid progress. Order was excellent, and



the recitations showed a thorough knowledge of the ground passed over. The punctuality in attendance, on the part of the scholars, is praiseworthy.

Miss Delia L. Preston, teacher for the second term, did her work well. Owing to the length of the term and the severity of the weather, many of the scholars were absent the last part of the term.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

The teacher of last year, Miss Mary Coolidge, was re-engaged, and kept the school this year. Miss Coolidge did not pay sufficient attention to order; otherwise her work was satisfactory. Her course with the reading classes is especially commended.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

The work of Miss Lucy M. Morse in this school, during the year, has been highly creditable to her as a teacher. The school was always in order, and the recitations prompt, and made in a way that showed an understanding of the ground gone over.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

Miss Hattie Ring, teacher. Fair progress has been made in this school during the year. The teacher worked faithfully and with good results. The order was good.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

The fact that Miss Mary A. Morse has just completed the third year of her connection with this school, in the capacity of teacher, shows that her work is approved by the district. When visited, the school was orderly and the

recitations good. Several of the scholars are pursuing advanced studies.

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In addition to the preceding brief report on the districts in detail, a few remarks on the condition and wants of the schools will now be appropriate.

The teachers of the past year have, in general, done their work well. Many of them were teachers of experience, in this and other towns. Several had taught before in the same districts. Here we expected and found the best results. The new teachers were all earnest in their endeavors to promote the welfare of their respective schools, and met with a fair degree of success. The practice of assisting scholars in recitation, by putting leading questions, is too prevalent. Each member of a class, in reciting, should have a whole idea, and be able, without help, to express it. Good order is one of the essentials of a successful school. This truism has been forgotten in a few of our school-rooms. That is the best teacher who can stimulate her scholars to do the most for themselves. It is work that wins in the school-room, as well as in the active business of life. Therefore, let each scholar be taught to rely upon his own efforts, and the lesson will benefit him ever afterwards.

Parents should see to it that their children are supplied with text-books of the series adopted for use in the schools of the town. This is of the utmost importance. Without uniformity of text-books a school cannot be so classified as to give the best results, and the teacher's time is occupied in hearing many classes on the same subjects.

Illustrative apparatus and books of reference are needed in every school in town. It is recommended that each district see that its school is supplied with a set of wall-maps and a dictionary, at least. A globe and a set of geometri-

cal blocks in each school would be a great help to the teacher in illustrating geography and arithmetic.

The appropriation of the railroad tax to school purposes has given longer schools than usual. The past year there have been  $278\frac{3}{5}$  weeks of school. In 1876 there were 248 weeks, and in 1875, 236 weeks. An annual appropriation, in addition to the school tax required by law, and a more equal distribution of the school money, would add much to the efficiency of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY O. HILL,

*School Committee.*

Derry, Feb. 26, 1878.

Dist. No.	Teachers.	Wages per month.	Length of term in weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Amount of school money.	Prudential Committee.
1	Fannie M. Webster.....	\$40 00	9	28	25	\$389 66	Edward L. Jones.
1	Fannie M. Webster.....	40 00	13	28	23		Edward L. Jones.
1	Joseph W. Bean.....	45 00	10	28	23		Edward L. Jones.
2	Lucinda T. Carlton.....	38 00	10	53	46	483 12	Mary G. Carr.
2	Lucinda T. Carlton.....	40 00	12	53	40		Mary G. Carr.
2	Lucinda T. Carlton.....	40 00	13	46	38		Mary G. Carr.
3	Anna F. Choate.....	20 00	11	17	12	104 05	John T. Folsom.
3	Anna F. Choate.....	20 00	17	14	13		John T. Folsom.
4	Fannie O. Moody.....	30 00	8	33	27	177 14	Mark F. Hill.
4	Henry O. Hill.....	44 00	11 3-5	33	27		Mark F. Hill.
5	Carrie V. Whitney.....	25 00	7 2-5	31	29	101 44	Charles A. Nowell.
5	Carrie V. Whitney.....	25 00	9	30	23		Charles A. Nowell.
6	N. Medora Clement.....	22 00	6	25	21	99 98	Washington Evans.
6	Ella A. White.....	22 00	9	26	23		Washington Evans.
7	Lois J. Wadsworth.....	29 00	13	33	29	212 18	Otis A. Drew.
7	Delia L. Preston.....	29 00	18 2-5	28	20		Otis A. Drew.
8	Mary Coolidge.....	30 00	11	17	15	250 31	James E. Morrill.
8	Mary Coolidge.....	30 00	8	19	17		James E. Morrill.
8	Mary Coolidge.....	30 00	10	14	13		James E. Morrill.
9	Lucy M. Morse.....	24 00	9	12	10	155 20	George W. McKenney.
9	Lucy M. Morse.....	24 00	16 3-5	12	10		George W. McKenney.
11	Hattie F. Ring.....	24 00	11	25	19	194 34	Lewis Saunders.
11	Hattie F. Ring.....	24 00	21	27	22		Lewis Saunders.
12	Mary A. Morse.....	20 00	10	14	13	118 06	Henry L. Hill.
12	Mary A. Morse.....	20 00	13 3-5	11	10		Henry L. Hill.

The whole number of children in town, between 4 and 17 years of age, by the enumeration made in April, 1877, is 335. The number of children, 4 years old and upwards, that have attended the common schools in this town, two weeks at least, during the past year, is 290. The average daily attendance for the year is 234, or a fraction over .80 of the number of scholars registered.







